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## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 5, 2003 (Paper No. 8), Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims Group I, Claims 1-17 for continued examination. In electing Group I, applicant also provisionally elects Infectious Disease as the species for continued examination.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 10023489 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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